

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;  
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Removing Global Direct Contracts from  
the Competitive Product List

Docket No. MC2016-7

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING REMOVAL OF GLOBAL DIRECT CONTRACTS  
FROM THE COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST

(Issued October 19, 2015)

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to remove Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup>

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachment A—a redacted copy of the Governors' Decision No. 11-6 authorizing the removal of the product from the competitive product list, including a redacted management analysis;
- Attachment B—an application for nonpublic treatment of Governors' Decision No. 11-6;

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Remove Global Direct Contracts from the Competitive Product List, October 16, 2015 (Request).

- Attachment C—a Statement of Supporting Justification as required by 39 CFR 3020.32; and
- Attachment D—proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) competitive product list.

The Postal Service seeks to remove Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list due to the absence of customer demand for this service. Request at 1. The Postal Service asserts that removal of Global Direct Contracts is an attempt to align its service offerings with current customer needs and preferences. *Id.* at 2.

In addition, in the Statement of Supporting Justification, Giselle E. Valera, Vice President and Managing Director of Global Business, asserts that because the Postal Service is requesting product removal, the product's ability to cover its own costs has no impact on the instant Request. *Id.* Attachment C at 2. Ms. Valera maintains that removal of the product from the competitive product list attempts to ensure that there will be no issue of market dominant products subsidizing competitive products. *Id.*

## II. NOTICE OF FILINGS

The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2016-7 to consider the Request pertaining to the removal of Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned docket are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B and subpart E. Comments are due no later than October 26, 2015. The public portions of the filings can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

### III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2016-7 to consider the Postal Service's Request.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.
3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than October 26, 2015.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary